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JAPAN

a VSer's perspective

NAVAJO MISSION

changes for the good

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Japanese tea ceremony in progress. The Japanese put much time and effort into studying what North Americans may consider a very simple event. This symbolizes the careful thought process the Japanese generally go through before accepting the tenets of Christianity. Photo by Ray Hock.

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Working together at the Navajo Mission: (left to right) George Bundy, Larry Bomberger, Ben Stoner, Ernestine Chavez and Roy Larvingo.

for the good, for the Navajos

by *Ethel Bundy*

What are the foundations of the Christian faith? Where did the church come from? Questions like these were heard by the missionaries at the Navajo Mission. They were being asked by Navajo Christians who desired to serve their Lord and have a better understanding of their Christian faith.

The urgent need among the Navajos is trained Christian leaders. This is the present emphasis at the Navajo Mission. It is a change from several years ago. It is a change for the good.

Within ten miles of the Mission, new schools and clinics have been built; a large medical facility is being planned. This also is a change for the good. These facilities are being provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. With these new facilities so close, the Mission school and hospital are no longer needed. A change in missions strategy is the result.

Brethren in Christ Missions has been and continues to be committed to a wholistic ministry of meeting the physical and educational needs, as well as the spiritual needs, of

those to whom we minister. With the physical and educational needs of the Navajos being met, our missionaries are being freed to concentrate their efforts on the spiritual needs of the Navajos.

The felt need today is that of a proper understanding of the Scriptures. To meet this need, Bible studies are held with individuals and groups. In October a two-week adult Bible school was held. Lessons covered such topics as: the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, angels, Satan, sin, salvation, the church, church history, and end times. Though the Bible school classes were not large, the group agreed that further such studies are necessary. Tentative plans call for another two weeks of study at the end of March 1983.

For the past year the Mission has been conducting Theological Education by Extension seminars. TEE allows individual leaders to study the Bible daily at their homes while continuing their jobs and remaining with their families. Students meet weekly with other church leaders for discussions on the topics studied. There is an exchange of ideas, problems,

and solutions, thus helping and encouraging one another. Three pastors have completed four series of ten lessons each and are about to begin the fifth series.

Navajo reading classes are enabling Navajos to read their own language. Few are able to do so. The New Testament has been published in Navajo and the Old Testament is to be completed soon. What a help to be able to read the gospel message in one's native language.

Plans are being made to offer other opportunities for Christian education. Preliminary Evangelical Teacher Training courses will be held for Sunday school teachers and others who are interested. A regular visitation ministry of encouragement to church leaders is being worked out. Navajo-directed youth activities are planned for the summer.

Not all has changed at the Navajo Mission. The people to whom we minister and the message we proclaim are still the same. Many of our ministries have not changed. But those changes which have been made in order to meet the needs of the Navajos are changes for the good.

Observations of a

We are well, thank the Lord -- not even a cold -- and we love Japan and her people. To me, they are absolutely beautiful, and I find myself surprised to discover that I look different from everyone else. How's that for identifying?

Our work is rewarding and fun. My students are just great people and I like each one. I find myself thinking after each class, "This class is such fun," or, "These people are so nice." You can see I enjoy it. I have twenty classes each week and Pete has seventeen. (He has more students than I.) We have eight or nine Bible studies between us.

"To me, Japan and her people are absolutely beautiful"

Pete has one Bible study that resulted from people here in our home church wanting to study. He began with three and now has five in the class. Recently, while studying the announcement of Jesus' birth, he asked the class to relate how that call was made real to each of them. I think everyone was in tears before the evening was finished. Four of the five had found Christ through personal tragedy. I can only believe -- and

Pete and Laura Shaida are giving one year of voluntary service as teachers of English as a second language. Both are public school teachers from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Unknown to each other, both heard the Holy Spirit speak to them during a commissioning service for John and Esther Spurrier. Together, they listened and obeyed His voice and are now doing God's will in Japan.

The following contains portions of a letter written two months after the Shaidas' arrival in Japan. therefore thought you might like some insight into what new missionaries experience as they enter a new culture and means of service.

many here agree -- that Japan is just about ready to be harvested for God.

So many people have sown and watered with seemingly small results. But the Japanese do not do important things quickly. This is evident in many avenues of their lives. They study calligraphy, ikebana (flower arranging), haiku (poetic verse), tea ceremony -- the list is endless -- for years. So how can they make such a very important decision without much thought?

In recent evangelistic meetings here, six or eight people indicated they wanted to follow Jesus. Placards had been placed around the neighborhood and Christians had passed out circulars. But those who made decisions had not just wandered in off the streets. Each of them had had some connection with the church or its members, and the life of the church and of Christians had slowly been soaking into their consciousness. Remember this when I mention prayer concerns later.

First impressions of Japan

It's crowded. The streets are narrow and crowded. Bicycles, pedestrians and motorcycles compete with cars and trucks for limited space, with amazingly little conflict. Most residential streets here are no wider than our alley back in Lancaster.

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Newcomer



It's noisy. **All** trucks have back-up signals; the bus door buzzes when it is going to open or close; the train doors play a supposedly melodic strain **loudly** when they are about to close. Supermarkets and department stores have not only background music (only not so "background"), but departmental radios or loud-speakers are blaring. Cars and trucks go through neighborhoods with bullhorns blasting out messages.

All this amazes me because I had read how quiet and calm the Japanese are, never wanting to disturb the "wa" (harmony) of their neighbors. (All this clamor often disturbs my "wa"!)

Perhaps Tokyo is noisy and the rest of Japan is quiet and calm. My experience is limited.

Surprisingly, for so populous an area (175,000), Kodaira has much green space. In our neighborhood there are small farms (and I mean **small** -- little larger than some of your family gardens), wooded areas, parks and orchards. There is no visible zoning (at least not visible to me). Farms are next to car dealers which are next to residences -- with chickens! From my reading, I know that Japan grew so rapidly after the war that many areas were not planned, but sprang up like mushrooms. As a result, the mix is not beautiful as a whole, but many of its parts are. Almost without exception, houses are separ-

ated from streets by walls, both for privacy and to shield from street noises and dirt.

The Japanese people constantly surprise me by their patience. Mothers especially exhibit this virtue to a much greater degree than American mothers, I think. Over and over I have seen people show patience to their children and to their fellow students to a degree that really pleases me.

Prayer concerns

I mentioned prayer concerns -- and many of you have asked what you should pray for. Pray that we, God's people, will increase our giving so the work here and on other fields can continue. Missions giving is down; inflation is up, along with mission needs. The Japanese do not respond emotionally or quickly; they convert slowly, but extremely well. A cutback in personnel here because of costs and lower giving is a very real possibility. Pray sincerely about this. Pray also for the new church the Zooks are working with in Fuchu and for the Graybills' and Deyhles' new work in Nagoya. And pray that we can show Christ to our students!

Thanks again to all of you for your continued support in your prayers.

*Love,
Laura Shaida*

Budget:
\$1,714,642

**Received
as of
Dec. 23:**
\$1,152,361

67.21%

Call to Commitment

Donald R. Zook,
Executive Secretary

The Brethren in Christ Church has a corporate commitment to missions which has produced a bi-level pattern of giving. In the past, approximately 70% of our missions funds have come from congregations and approximately 30% from direct giving.

As we have summarized reports from churches concerning their 1982 missions budgets, it appears that approximately 62% of the 1982 approved program needs will be provided by congregations. The remaining amount -- approximately 38% this year -- will need to come from

the direct giving of individuals.

This budget crisis is an opportunity to renew our commitment as Brethren in Christ to God's plan for a needy world. There are many valid ministries in the church deserving generous support. I have been encouraged as I learned of incidents where churches put missions in top priority and were able to increase giving to other causes at the same time. This is as it should be, and this can continue to happen.

Please seek God's will concerning your missions giving.

world outlook

A synopsis of developments affecting Brethren in Christ around the world.

U.S. undermining Nicaraguan government

Recently official sources told *Newsweek* magazine that John Negroponte (U.S. ambassador in Honduras) is overseeing an ambitious covert campaign to arm, train and direct Nicaraguan exiles to intercept the flow of arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador. But the operation has another objective: to harass and undermine the Cuban-backed government of Nicaragua.

U.S. officials concede there is a danger that the operation could provoke a Nicaraguan counterattack on Honduras that could drag the United States directly into the conflict.

Kaunda: on South Africa and U.S.-Zambian relations

According to a *Newsweek* interview, President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia is displeased with Western policy concerning South Africa:

"You are applying economic sanctions against Poland...But you have not taken serious measures to take South Africa to account for its mistakes... The more (Western countries) invest in South Africa, the more they support the oppression of black man."

On U.S.-Zambian relations, Kaunda says he is shocked that Reagan speaks of South Africa as an ally of the U.S. Kaunda says, however, that Zambia is not anti-West: "Zambia still needs your investments, your technology."

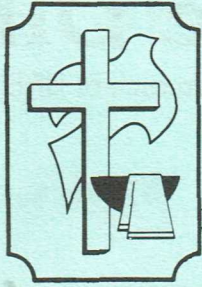
Teaching English is big business

In almost every country, English is a key to getting ahead. Teaching English has become a multimillion-dollar business the world over.

English is the tongue that Japanese businessmen use to negotiate a deal with Kuwaitis. It is how Swedes speak to Mexicans, how Hong Kong bankers work in Singapore.

"English is not only valuable; it is necessary," says Quinita Roberts of Mexico City's Interlingua Institute. "Only one in a hundred learns English because he likes it. They learn the language because they need it."

(Excerpted from a report in *Newsweek*.)



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OVERSEAS

ZIMBABWE

Secondary Teachers 1983
In response to requests from both government and Brethren in Christ church officials in Zimbabwe that missionary teachers return, Brethren in Christ Missions is recruiting teachers for service in the Brethren in Christ school system in Zimbabwe.

ZAMBIA

Registered nurses (midwifery preferred) Summer 1983
(6-8 months required for processing of papers in Zambia)
Short-term doctor March - July 1984
Secondary teachers June 1983
(English, Math, Science, Bible/Religious Knowledge)

JAPAN

Teachers of English as a Second Language
Summer 1983

VENEZUELA

Church planter Summer 1983
(to begin language study)
Tutor for missionary's children November 1984
(to begin language study)

NORTH AMERICA

BRONX COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRIES - Bronx, NY

Tutoring Center Coordinator (as of August 1983)
Earning positions (6)
Secretary/Bookkeeper at Day Care Center
Tutoring (2) - Bronx Community College
(must be a college graduate)
Office, receptionist, restaurant work
Computer programming
Service Opportunities:
Tutoring - Little Light House Learning Center; van driving for Fellowship Chapel; tutoring English for adults; community youth program; visitation program for the elderly.

LIFE LINE MISSION - San Francisco, CA
(Mission for chemical dependent persons and distressed families.)

Secretary
Supervisor (furniture, appliance repair)
Earning positions (6)
Christian Bookstore; Boy's Club of America;
Office positions

NAVAJO MISSION - Bloomfield, NM

Couple - Secretary/bookkeeper, maintenance
(as of May 1983)

SPRING LAKE RETREAT - Wurtsboro, NY (Camp for New York City churches)

Couple - Kitchen management, building and grounds maintenance (as of December 1983)

TIMBER BAY CHILDREN'S HOME - Timber Bay, Sask.

Many staff positions will be open as of August 1983
Dorm parents; spiritual ministries - adult and children; nurse; maintenance/ plant foreman; maintenance person; kitchen assistants (3); secretary; athletic director; dorm assistants (3)

OTHER AGENCIES

PAXTON STREET HOME - Harrisburg, PA

Mature couple - maintenance; house keeping or secretary
Housekeeping assistants (2 mature persons)

UPLAND MANOR - Upland, CA (Retirement apartments)

Resident caretakers - couple or single woman to provide minimal assistance with activities of daily living for elderly residents

KENBROOK

Couple - food service, hosting, cleaning
September 1983

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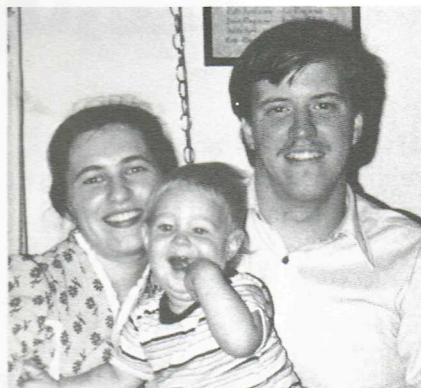
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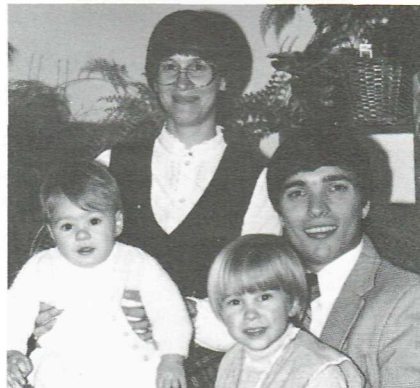
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Recent assignments



Mark and Maxine Alleman, with son Brian, have begun a two-year voluntary service assignment at Life Line Mission. The Allemans are assisting with maintenance, pastoral duties, housekeeping and thrift store management. Mark and Maxine are part of the Mastersonville, PA, congregation.



Curtis and Leslie Book left the USA December 29 for a new assignment in Zimbabwe. Curtis is teaching at Ekuphileni Bible Institute, operated by the Zimbabwean church. The Books completed two years of service in London in July 1982. They have two daughters, Jonna and Allison.

Missions Prayer Fellowship Projects for 1983

Nagoya, Japan

The Brethren in Christ are planting a church in Nagoya. Money is needed to purchase land and, eventually, to develop living quarters/worship center facilities.

Goal: \$30,000 (two-yr. project)

Children's Project

Your children can help purchase a fuel-efficient Mercury Lynx Wagon for use at Timber Bay Children's Home in Saskatchewan.

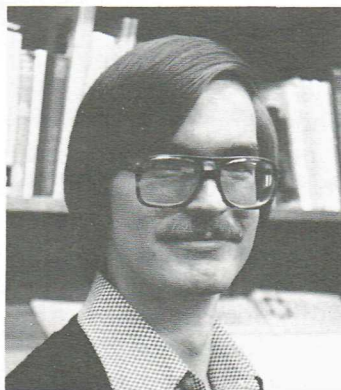
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Stan McBeth joined the Mount Joy Missions Office staff in November in voluntary service. A 1980 graduate of Messiah College, Stan has been working for an accounting firm in the Chambersburg, PA, area, and uses this experience in his present assignment. Stan is from the Chambersburg church.



Jacob and Nancy Shenk begin a new assignment in Zimbabwe in January. Jake will serve as church treasurer, based in Bulawayo. The Shenks were missionaries in Zimbabwe during 1958-76 and are members of the Mount Pleasant, PA, congregation. Jake and Nancy have four grown sons.



Anthony Scott is the newest VSer in the Bronx Community Service Ministries unit in New York City. Tony is from the Beulah Chapel congregation in Springfield, Ohio. Following his high school graduation in 1982, Tony worked with Child Evangelism Fellowship for a summer. In the Bronx he has a job near the unit.

Congregation at Huapi, Nicaragua: site of training seminars.



Theological education in Nicaragua

Thirty pastors and leaders participated in a three-day seminar for theological education in August at Huapi, located in Nicaragua's rural eastern department, Zelaya. A one-day Bible study was held at El Arroyo for pastors of the Managua-Masaya area. Eighteen men were present for this study. The men seemed to be motivated; I am pleased with their interest and enthusiasm. Both groups have asked to continue these Bible studies on more regular bases: bi-monthly at Huapi and monthly at El Arroyo. The men's initiative in continuing the studies is encouraging. This will make them more meaningful.

The north part of Nicaragua has not received needed Biblical education. Plans are being made either for these men to come to Managua for a few days or to send Enrique

Palacios or Miguel Jara there for their education and encouragement.

- Marshall Poe

VS program — even better

Jim and Lillian Bailey, the new superintendent couple at Life Line Mission, see great potential for the voluntary service unit in San Francisco. The Baileys view the VS unit as much a ministry to the young people themselves as to the Mission. Wednesday night Bible studies on a variety of relevant topics, as well as learning to live and work in a community, are making the program very profitable for the VS personnel.

Because Life Line Mission depends largely on financial support from churches and individuals, the Baileys are also putting much effort into fund raising. They have plans for contacting local pastors,

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developing an annual fund-raising banquet, and deputation in Southern California and the larger Brethren in Christ Church.

Classroom evangelism in Japan

I am finding real joy in being involved in direct evangelism through the English classes. Presently, we are not looking for more people but are concentrating on the evangelism of those now attending. At least twelve are earnestly seeking and many others show interest. I meet weekly with most of these people. Each session offers information to help them better understand the meaning of being a Christian and how to become one. I feel this is where I belong; it is in teaching and sharing that I find my greatest fulfillment.

It has also been a pleasure for me to see the Japanese leaders take increasingly more responsibility. I sit in their monthly meetings and am allowed to participate, but decisions reached are theirs, not mine.

There has been an increasing awareness of the other Brethren in Christ churches in Japan. It appears there is a movement toward a Brethren in Christ Conference in Japan. I am very glad to see the church having an identity of its own.

- Marlin Zook

Updates

Fund drive for Children's Home

"Echoing His Love" was the theme of the Montreal Lake Children's Home fund drive dinner to liquidate the debt on the multipurpose building. The dinner, held October 29, in Saskatoon, was a big success. Community people and young people from the Home joined the staff in preparing for the evening. We were proud of our young people and feel it was a good experience for all of us to meet the people who faithfully support the work in Timber Bay. We thank the Lord for the \$30,000 raised. The multipurpose building is a good outreach to the community as well as a recreational place for children at the Home.

Montreal Lake Children's Home is changing its name to Timber Bay Children's Home as of January 1, 1983. This change has been requested by the community. Since we are located in the village of Timber Bay, it will make us more a part of the community and less confusing for outsiders.

- Cheryl Bert

Special meetings for Livingstone churches

Maramba and Mupala Brethren in Christ congregations in Livingstone, Zambia, shared in the annual baptism/communion services October 8-10. About twenty people from the two churches were baptized. Among these believers were two students from David Livingstone Teacher Training College.

The services were well attended with extra seats needed for the Sunday worship service. Special music was provided by youth choirs from both churches and several other groups. It was a time of fellowship, inspiration and challenge for all.

- Lois Jean Sider

Bible students attend church growth seminar

Six Sikalongo Bible Institute students went to Ndola, in the Copperbelt, the first week of November. Some of them had never been to that part of their country before. There they met with Fred and Grace

Holland, who were conducting a training program in church growth and visitation.

After a profitable week the students returned to Sikalongo. They reported about their visitation and demonstrated visiting each home three times. They feel this program was very effective; quite a number of people they contacted made decisions for Christ.

- Rachel Copenhaver

La Communion Chretienne Nouvelle Vie

"The New Life Christian Fellowship" (translation) will be the name of the Brethren in Christ fellowship in Quebec, once the charter is granted by the provincial government. With a recent interview having gone well, Dave and Patti Miller are confident of being granted the charter.

The past year has been full of contact-making. Discovering ways to meet people and gain their trust has been a challenging task. Dave speaks French well and has had some excellent opportunities to talk about God. He also wrote an article about the fellowship for the local paper in St. Romuald. Presently Dave is approaching several of their acquaintances to seek out those interested in a Bible study. Pray that several will respond with interest.

- Patti Miller

Multipurpose building at Timber Bay



For a number of years the Lancaster congregation has had a Missions Prayer Fellowship. Its activities have been organized by a committee of three or four individuals. The committee, of which I am a member, has had responsibility for planning monthly activities to provide missions prayer support, for developing awareness of Brethren in Christ Missions through periodic missions speakers, and for planning a yearly fall missions conference.

This MPF committee, appointed by the leadership of the congregation, has tended to reflect the interests of a relatively few people. Our ages have tended to be above the average age of our congregation.

A decided change in the pattern of things came this past September when Pastor Merle Brubaker invited the MPF committee to attend a seminar at Lancaster Bible College on the theme, "**The local church can change the world.**" The seminar consisted of four modules as follows:

1 - Your church can change the world!

To begin, we studied the book of Acts, where Paul and Barnabas were "separated for service." It was a local church that sought out and sent these two missionaries.

2 - The task before us/that everyone may know

This was a look at the task of world evangelism through "church-growth eyes." This task of reaching every nation or people group with the gospel of Christ seems awesome, but it can be accom-

The Growing of a Church Missions Committee

How the missions emphasis is developing in one congregation

by John Kreider

plished if each church would be made aware of the great need and would accept the task as their own top priority.

3 - Discovering God's goals

In this session we saw the all-too-typical function of a missions committee dramatized in a humorous way, then studied the scriptural formula for a **goal-oriented** missions ministry. An effective missions committee knows what it wants to accomplish (goals) and what steps it must take to achieve it (objectives).

4 - Missions committee strategy

At this point, members of each congregation attending the seminar took a self-evaluation test on the subject, "How missions-minded is your church?" Our delegation realized there was much room for improvement in our church.

The seminar has helped us significantly in the "growing" of our missions committee. We had invited a number of other individuals from our congregation to attend the seminar, through the encour-

agement of our pastor. Several young adults were among these. Known to have an interest in missions, they have been invited to join our missions committee and are contributing beautifully in multiplying the vision for missions in our local fellowship.

A priority for the coming year is for our congregation to adopt a philosophy of mission: a statement of principles, based in scripture, to guide the missions-related activities of our church. We realize that for our congregation to be fruitful in ministry it must carefully consider its rationale for prioritizing and budgeting. Written guidelines can help us prevent a haphazard spattering of missions awareness, prayer, and promotion.

G. Campbell Morgan, in *The Missionary Manifesto*, has this to say about the imperatives of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19,20):

"The realization of the promise of His abiding presence is entirely dependent upon the church's willingness to fulfill her responsibility. She has no right to apply this gracious word to herself save as she fulfills the conditions imposed. If we have no passion in our hearts for the discipling of the nations, we have no warrant for believing that He remains in fellowship with us."



Dr. Kreider serves as chairman of the MPF in the Lancaster congregation. He has combined his enthusiastic personality and love for the cause of missions to encourage others to become part of God's global outreach.

When we in the Brethren in Christ Church speak of Voluntary Service, we refer to a program that has become a household word in many homes and an opportunity that has affected the lives of many young people. Although Voluntary Service has been called by several different names and undergone various facelifts, it remains as a positive expression of our desire to be Christian servants in the world around us.

During the war periods, our service endeavors were directed through such programs as Civilian Public Service and the I-W option. Presently, however, we are in a period when young people are not required to do alternate forms of service to satisfy the government, though the likelihood of such requirements in the future is increasing. Still, the idea of service is one that is extremely important to us and needs to be viewed as more than a way to avoid participation in war. Voluntary Service, as it exists today, can be an excellent training ground for a lifestyle of Christian service.

In recent years, the position of "earning VSer" has evolved as an opportunity to combine Christian service and a regular working atmosphere. As

Beginning a Lifestyle of Service

by Kent Byer



an earning VSer, a young person is allowed to find a job in a major metropolitan area, such as New York City or San Francisco. His wages are then contributed to the mission unit to cover operational and ministry costs.

During this time, the young person becomes part of a supportive group consisting of other VSers and a unit leader. This group meets regularly and receives direction from the unit leader in such areas as cross-cultural communications and personal spiritual growth.

As a unit, then, the VSers may be involved in some structured activities. An example is the VS unit in Bronx, New York, where one night a week is set aside as a recreational time for youth in the community. This type of ministry is done best when the Voluntary Service workers

join together as a unit and share their talents and abilities.

Also, individual workers are supported in their efforts to seek out other types of community interaction, perhaps on a more personal level. Activities such as tutoring, visitation of the elderly, Big Brother/Big Sister, or establishing personal friendships provides fine opportunities to integrate Christian service and ministry into daily routines.

Voluntary Service that combines a working situation with a supportive ministry group can help a person see that all of life should be aimed at ministry and service. Recently, four young people completed Voluntary Service assignments in New York City, working as part of the Bronx Community Service Ministries. I am sure that each of them will reflect on this VS experience as a time when they were able to learn how a Christian lifestyle can be part of their daily lives, including their employment and community involvement.

The opportunities are available to us. Presently, positions are open for earning VSers in New York City and San Francisco. Voluntary Service has proven to be a valuable experience in the past. Now, more than ever, it can become a life-changing experience for young people who choose it as an investment of their time.



Kent is a graduate of Messiah College. Presently, he is giving a year of voluntary service in the Mount Joy Missions Center.



editorial

The trap of a sinner-proof world

I occasionally hear or read about a missionary who is planting a church and I get excited about his work. How fulfilling it must be to enter a community and, little by little, see a body of believers form and grow. "Someday I will be doing that," I say to myself. (And I look forward to being a church planter when my education is completed.) Then I consider what it is that this missionary is doing to start the church. He is meeting people who need the Lord, sharing the gospel with them, and discipling them individually and in groups. I could do that now. I do not need to wait until someday when I complete my education. I could do that and so could you.

We could do it, that is, if we could just succeed in accomplishing step number one: meeting people who need the Lord. By "meeting" I mean learning something about them: their names, their occupations, their interests. Sure, we meet people, that is, we pass or bump into people while shopping or roller skating, but how many non-Christians do we **know**?

Unfortunately, the Christian who knows the most non-Christians is the recent convert. The obvious reason for this is that he was one of them. He worked with them and bowled with them and exercised with them. She shopped with them and ate pizza with them. This person has more opportunities than most of us to share Christ with those who need Him.

What is even more unfortunate is that he will likely fall into the trap that has snared but few of us: the trap of the sinner-proof world. We choose to participate only in those activities sponsored by Christians and attended by the same. Let's take a look at the life of the Joe Average Sinner-Proof family:

Joe is construction worker. There are two other Christians on the work crew. Though there are eight other men on the crew, it is amazing how few times you will find Joe working with the non-Christians. When lunch time arrives, he and his two Christian friends remove themselves from the others and have a Bible study and prayer meeting. Sometimes they pray for the others on the crew.

After work, the three Christians car-pool home. Joe must eat quickly so he can get to the church basketball game. His wife, Mary, tells him about the fun she had at the Christian aerobics class. The children proclaim how good it is to no longer be persecuted for being Christians since they have enrolled in the Christian school. Mary remembers that she must get a babysitter so she can go to the church play practice. Joe says he must prepare for the Saturday night Bible study, "Isn't it awful that Harold won't attend? How can he think that bowling in a league with a bunch of sinners is more important than Bible study?"

Like Joe, many of us have been trapped. How are we to be witnesses when we have practically no contact with non-Christians? How does the church planter do it? He puts forth a special effort to meet non-Christians. She joins the YWCA basketball league and helps the neighbors wash their car. He works with the Boy's Club and sings in the community choir.

All too often we are so busy fellowshiping with Christians that we do not have time to meet those without the Lord. Praise the Lord for Christian sisters and brothers and the opportunities for fellowship. But we must not seclude ourselves from the very ones who need Christ the most. If that means having to miss Thursday night choir rehearsal, so be it. II Corinthians 5:20 says that God has chosen to make his appeal to the world through us. We must take God's appeal to those who need to hear it. That means getting involved with the non-Christians at work, at school, and in our communities.

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